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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to all the club Fruit Sale Chairmen. Your work is appreciated.

Please let me know about things you and others are doing. I want to know about the great things going on in the county.

Roni Baker
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS

People Partner Grant applications need to be postmarked to Bozeman by February 1st. These grants provide financial assistance for youth-led projects within local communities that improve the quality of life for the residents. The application is available at <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>. If there are any questions or you would like an application, please call the Extension Office.

COMMUNICATION CONTEST DAY REGISTRATIONS DUE BY MAR 11

Communication Contest Day registration forms **must be in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 11th**. Communication Contest Day will be held on Saturday, March 26th at Huntley Project School, Worden. You may enter a maximum of three of the seven events. This year we have Tuesday, March 29th, from 5–8:30 p.m.

as a time when only speech and demos can be given. Priority for the Thursday night times will be given to those aged 14 years and older.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter are the registration form, the interview application form and a page giving you job announcements from which you will choose when applying for your job on the Interview Application form. All Senior Contestants applying for an interview must include a completed resume with application. If you need forms, contact the Extension Office. Exchange will be selling food to be purchased. You may wish to bring extra money. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE

The deadline for ALL summer inbound programs is March 15th, 2011. Montana 4-H welcomes 35 Japanese delegates this summer from July 22-August 18. We are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money.

Program dates and hosting lengths vary so please contact your county office or Stephanie Davis at 406-994-3502, sdavison@montana.edu for more information and application materials. You can also find information at the State 4-H website at www.montana4h.org. Select Programs, International Programs, Hosting Opportunities. This is a great chance to meet someone from another country and to make a lifelong friend.



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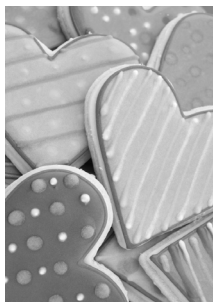
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COME DANCE WITH CUPID

The Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors invite you to a Valentines Day Dance on Sat. Feb. 12, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Sage Center at MetraPark. Cost is \$2 per person or \$3 per couple.

This is a casual dance for all 4-H members and their friends from ages 12 and up. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information call the Extension Office at 256-2828.



FRUIT SALE PICK UP FEB. 22nd

The Fruit Sale pick day Tuesday, February 22nd. Each member needs to sell two boxes. This is one of 4-H Leaders Council's major fund raisers, so let's all try really hard to beat last year's sales. And don't forget to set a selling goal so you can win one of the really cool prizes!

Remember that you are responsible for paying your club for the fruit you sell. **The club must pay 4-H Council, so if you don't pay, the money comes from your club treasury.** You are responsible for the fruit once you check it out from the club chairman. Be sure you handle the fruit correctly and get it delivered fast.

RECORD BOOK / FORM COMPLETION WORKSHOP

Learn how to fill out record books, what makes a gold seal record book, filling out enrollment forms and project order forms. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop on February 24th from 6:00 ~ 7:00 pm at the Courthouse.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING FEB. 3rd

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. **Everyone** is invited to attend.

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

All project and teen leaders are invited to attend a workshop entitled "What do I do as a project leader?" The workshop will be held March 1st, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Room 105.

LEADERS' COLLEGE LEVEL 2

For those leaders that have completed Level 1, participants will be involved in fun, motivational workshops on youth/adult partnerships, vibrant youth groups and more!

When: Saturday March 26th, 2011

Where: Huntley Project School
1477 Ash Street
Worden, MT

Time: 9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Please call the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 256-2828 for further information.

COMMUNICATION CONTEST DAY MEETING

A planning meeting for Communication Contest Day will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. Your help is needed to organize this event.

STATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

May 1st, 2011 is the due date for State Awards and Scholarship applications. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2010 are eligible. If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 25th ~ 29th, 2011.

There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July.

To apply for state awards, members must use the Montana State 4-H Awards application. You can get an application from the Extension Office. We have past state winners applications on file at the office. If you would like to look at one, please call.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline for the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Scholarship is February 15th, 2011. This \$2,500 scholarship is open to all Montana high school seniors. Eligibility requirements include the scholarship recipient be planning to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resources.

For more information visit their website
www.macdnet.org/education.htm or call 406-443-5711.

NILE SCHOLARSHIP

The NILE Collegiate Scholarship is available to seniors graduating in 2011. NILE awards nine (9) general scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Scholarship deadline is April 1st, 2011. Guidelines can be found on the NILE's website at www.thenile.org and clicking on Youth Programs, Scholarship. Questions? Call the local NILE office at 256-2495.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation awards several scholarships to 4-H Alumni that plan on attending an institution of higher learning. You may only be awarded the Foundation Scholarship once. You may apply for the scholarship at any time after high school, even if you've been out of school for a year or more, you can apply.

We will soon be mailing the scholarship application to those that will be graduating from High School in June. Application deadline is April 1st, 2011. You can also print the application from the county 4-H website. Look under Other Forms and then Scholarship Forms. Call the Extension Office with questions.

JUNIOR LEADERS

The Jr. Leaders will meet on Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone 13 or older is invited to attend! We will be doing a fun hands-on science activity. If you have questions or concerns, call Melody at 256-2828.

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION

Sashka Pastelyak, 4-H Exchange Student in Yellowstone County is here from Russia. She will do a presentation about her country and exchange on Thursday, Feb. 10th, 7:00 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

AMBASSADORS' CORNER

Project Day was a great success, over 50 people attended the event. All of the Ambassadors were present to serve the Town & Country 4-H Club ice cream for winning the "Can It" competition at Family Fun Night. Family Orientation night was a huge hit with the newer members of Yellowstone County 4-H. Just last week, the Ambassadors that attended the Legislative Breakfast in Helena enjoyed swimming and getting to know Montana Legislators by helping them to their seats at the breakfast.

4-H CENTENNIAL BOOK

The Montana 4-H Centennial happens in 2012. A former State 4-H Leader is taking on the task of gathering stories, antidotes and lessons learned that have been tied to 4-H. The goal is to produce a "coffee table" book full of pictures and stories that will depict 100 years of how Montana 4-H has positively influenced the lives of so many.

Any story/photo may be submitted. Here are some suggested categories: Youth/Adult Partnerships, Leadership/Volunteerism, Community Service, Projects, Fairs, Camps, Events, Competitions/Recognitions, Alumni, International/Interstate Exchanges, Citizenship, Clubs, etc.

Let's make certain Yellowstone County 4-H is represented in this book! **Please get your stories and photos to Roni Baker by Tuesday, Feb. 15th.** Call the Extension Office with questions.

CENTENNIAL SCRAPBOOK & STORIES WORK SESSIONS

With the Montana 4-H Centennial coming up in 2012, Yellowstone County needs help gathering 4-H history, finishing putting together the scrapbooks and making displays. Please join us on the following days:

Friday, Feb. 4th, 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 7th, 2:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.

If you'd like to help but can't make either of the days, please contact the office. We appreciate your help!

COOKS WITH BOOKS

The Billings Public Library is holding a fun cooking contest through Feb. 9th, 2011. Three easy steps: 1) Pick a cook book, 2) Cook a dish, 3) Take a "mug" shot of your culinary efforts! Bring the photo to the library and they will display the shots at the library and on the Parmly's Facebook page.

Just for participating you'll receive a fun library mug and each photo entered puts you into a drawing for prizes donated by local merchants and the library. Call 657-8258 for more details. Now...go get cooking!

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT DAY FEBRUARY 26

This year we will be having a Make It and Take It day where 4-Hers can pick from a long list of workshops. Cloverbuds will have their own workshop that runs all day. Participants will be able to start and finish a project and take it home at the end of the day!

Workshops include: Leatherwork, Claymation, Tie Dye, Polar Fleece PJs, Braiding, Terrarium, Rockets, and many more. Member/Cloverbud registration is \$20 and includes workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. The day runs from 9:30 am ~ 3:00 pm. Eighty participants will be accepted on a first come - first served basis.

When: Saturday, February 26th
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Where: First Congregational Church
310 N 27th Street, Billings

Registration deadline is Feb. 11th and the form is included in this newsletter. It can also be printed off the county 4-H website.

2011 STATE LEADER FORUM

The 2011 State 4-H Leader Forum will be held in Big Sky, MT at Bucks T-4 Lodge on September 23rd & 24th, 2011. The workshop proposal form will soon be available to leaders, teens, Ambassadors, and other in the community who might be interested in teaching a workshop at the forum. Please contact the Yellowstone County Extension Office if you are interested in a workshop proposal form.

MONTANA 4-H REC LAB

When: April 1st ~ 3rd, 2011

Where: Shelby, MT at Shelby School Complex

Participants: for 4-H youth age 13 or older as of
October 1, 2010

Registration Fee: Has yet to be determined

Rec Lab provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events and at other moments! A Leaders College track is also being offered.

Event details and registration forms will be available soon online at www.montana4h.org Select Events and then select Montana 4-H Rec Lab.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT DROPS & ADDS

Many of you 4-Hers have chosen projects for the 2010 - 2011 4-H year and have hopefully begun work on them. A computer printout of your club will be sent to your organizational leader to make any corrections or additions.

Be sure to check your projects to see that everything is listed. **Some of the most frequent errors are made in signing up for Dog, Swine, Beef and Sheep.** Be sure you have listed one of three levels and you also must sign up on your enrollment sheet for either dog obedience or dog & puppy care, or both. Beef, Sheep and Swine projects, you must enroll in one of three levels, **as well as in either market or breeding, or both.**

After the corrections and/or additions have been added to the printout, the **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER WILL SIGN, DATE AND RETURN IT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY APRIL 29. 4-Her's have until April 29 to add or drop projects. 4-Her's must be enrolled in a project by April 29 in order to exhibit at the 2011 MontanaFair.**

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD BABYSITTER?

The 4-H/Army Child & Youth Services Babysitting Course for youth ages 12 and up will be offered on Sat., March 12th, 2011 from 1:00 ~ 5:00 pm at the Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105. To register please call the Extension Office at 256-2828 on or before March 4th. Class size is limited to 20 participants.



CHICKS IN SCIENCE 2011

It's that time of year again... 4th ~ 8th grade girls, mark your calendars for Saturday, February 26th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to attend the Chicks In Science event at the Alterowitz Gym on the MSU-Billings campus.

Cool chicks can learn all about science, technology, engineering and math career options while checking out 50 booths that offer hands-on, minds-on activities. The Chicks In Science program wants young women to feel empowered in their femininity as well as their intellect. No formal registration is required to attend the event.

4-H PROJECT MANUALS UPDATE

Shooting Sports Muzzle Loading and Western Heritage Manuals have been delayed.

Videography Level 4 Montana Movie Magic Manual is still being developed.

We will keep you informed as we receive news from the 4-H State Office. We thank you for your patience.

BIG SKY QUILT RETREAT

The Big Sky Quilt Retreat will be held in Billings, March 9th ~ 12th, 2011. One of the fun aspects of the retreat is the quilt show. Within the quilt show, there is a youth category. (Of course, there are other categories if you, the leader or parent, would also like to enter!) The \$5/\$10 entry fee has been waived for youth entrants.

To enter, go to www.bigskyquiltassociation.com and fill out the Quilt Show Entry Form. Once your completed entry is received, an entry number will be emailed back to you. If you have any questions, contact Tanith Daugherty at tanithjh@hotmail.com or 406-208-7755.

4-H VOLUNTEERS AT THE RED KETTLES

4-H volunteers rang the bell at the Salvation Army red kettles on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. The kettle money stays in our county to help local residents in need. Be proud about making a difference!

City Slickers

Christine Sopko

Morgan Sopko

Joseph Sopko

Theodore Sopko

Hesper Hustlers

Beau Bromenshenk

Garrett Bromenshenk

Brenda Bromenshenk

Huntley Eagles

Frankie Sindelar

Kim Sindelar

Kountry Kritters

Autumn McSweyn

Stormy Penn

Peggy McSweyn

Laurel Roadrunners

Briana Baeten

Mary Baeten

Tori Benders

Val Bruce

Kiah Goettlich

Colton Marchwinski

Jane Ryan

Cody Thatcher

Justin Baeten

Rose Baeten

Courtney Bruce

Kenna Goettlich

Blake Lanaghan

Austin Marchwinski

Thomas Swanson

John Thatcher

Project Rockin' Wranglers

Brianna DeCock

Abi Forseth

Karie Forseth

Tom Fox

Brighton Lane

Matt Lane

Darlene DeCock

Jami Forseth

Jake Fox

Hunter Jett

Cooper Lane

Connie McQuire

Sam McQuire	Sydney McQuire
Kellie Richers	Audrey Stanford
Jonathan Stanford	Justin Stanford
Kathy Teter	Dawn Wilcken
<u>Ruff Riders</u>	
David Asay	Daniel Mazel
Jeannine Mazel	Karla Mazel
<u>Shepherd Pioneers</u>	
Annie Holle	Stephen Holle
Vicki Holle	
<u>Town & Country</u>	
Ashton Eckhart	Bryn Eckhart
John Eckhart	Kathy Eckhart
<u>Worden Riverdale</u>	
Barry Bender	Dawson Bender
Kim Bender	Madason Bender
Mason Bender	
<u>Extension Office</u>	
Roni Baker	Melody Harris
Leslie Idstrom	Bernice Mason

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Air Controls	Pacific Steel
EBMS	Lockwood IGA
Hoiness LaBar Insurance	Tractor Supply Co.
Fuchs & Associates	Teddy Bear Dental
Hanson Chemical	MCS Office Products

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

(Non Livestock Projects)

There will be a Department N meeting 6:30 p.m. on February 3rd, 2011, Courthouse Room 105. We will be planning this year's 4-H Showcase. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CAKE PROJECT

Each month 4-H kids enrolled in the Cake Project have the chance to learn about cake decorating techniques from our faithful volunteer Carol Corder. 4-H kids enrolled in the Cake Project will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. We will be doing a St. Patrick's Day theme - rainbows, leprechauns, shamrocks, etc. First year kids bring a one-layer cake (any shape), something edible to decorate with, and any St. Patrick's cookie cutters; we will be practicing stencils. Second year bring a St. Patty's theme character cake. Third year kids bring a two-layer cake. We will be practicing striping and clowns. 4th year kids bring a cut-up cake that has been crumb coated. Everyone bring icing, your practice sheets, decorating utensils, boards, and boxes.

RSVP by Friday, February 11th to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or Carol Corder at 839-7420 (leave a message).

STATE SHOOT

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament will be held on March 4th ~ 6th, 2010 in Bozeman. The registration form and additional information should be available soon on the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org

SHOTGUN MEETING

For those interested in taking the Shotgun project this year, there will be a county-wide meeting on Wed., Feb. 23rd at 7:00 pm in Courthouse Room 105. If you would like to learn about shooting safety, trap, and skeet, plan on attending. We hope this will be the start of a fun project. Attendance at this meeting is required to shoot in the program. We hope to have kids ready for attending the state shotgun shoot in Townsend, MT in May. If you have questions please call Keith at 670-3053.

SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP

Huntley Eagles 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Shaun Combs has scheduled a Shooting Sports Workshop for Sat., Feb. 12th at Butt's Gun Shop located at 1943 Main Street in the Heights. Please meet at the shop at 8:00 am and plan on staying for approximately an hour. Shop owner Lon Bauer will go over the various calibers of guns and the

different types of scopes. This workshop will fulfill one of your activities for your shooting sports manuals. Please call Shaun at 855-5295 with any questions.

CERAMICS PROJECT

All 4-H members enrolled in the Ceramics project are welcome to attend the ceramics meetings that will be held beginning in February. We meet monthly on the third Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Courthouse Room 105 on the following dates: Feb. 19th, Mar. 19th, April 16th and May 21st.

In February we will continue working with underglazes. RSVP by Wednesday, February 9th to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or Marilyn Klein at 697-4015 (leave a message).

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

For those of you interested in Cowboy Action Shooting, it's not too late to sign up for this year. Yellowstone County does have a certified Cowboy Action Shooting leader! She knows several action shooter in Billings that would like to share their knowledge with our members. Anyone interested in attending a class like this is asked to contact the Extension Office at 256-2828 by Feb. 15th.

QUILTING CLASSES COMING!

We will meet on Wed., Feb. 9th, at 6:30 pm in Courthouse Room 105 to discuss quilt materials and plan schedules. We will do rag quilts for beginners and log cabin strip quilts for those more advanced. If cloverbuds are interested, we will do polar fleece tie quilts (no sewing required). You do not have to be enrolled in quilting to build a quilt. If you have questions or can't make this first meeting call Kathy Teter at 671-7354 and leave a message.

LIVESTOCK NEWS...

HORSE & COLT MEETING

The next Horse and Colt Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

The Laurel Roadrunner will host a small animal workshop on Saturday, Feb. 19th, from 1:00 ~ 3:00 pm at Sage Center at MetraPark. The following stations will be available: Breed posing/beginning showmanship, Breed types, Cavy showmanship, Poultry Crossword Puzzle, Poultry showmanship for beginners, Rabbit grooming and Pocket Pets (general info). Questions? Contact Lacey Lanaghan @ 628-1075.

ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Anyone planning on exhibiting animals at the MontanaFair must have attended an Animal Quality Assurance Workshop.

2011 New Policy: 4-H members are required to take Animal Quality Assurance once as a beginner age 8-10, once as a junior age 11-13, and once as a senior age 14 and older. This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age of 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you are not in attendance for the complete training you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. More classes will **NOT** be added after the June 4th class.

February 5 - Saturday - 10:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.

PAYS - Beef Tagging

February 19 – Saturday – 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m.

MetraPark - MATE

April 21 - Thursday - 6:00 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Courthouse

June 4- Saturday - 9:00 ~ 10:30 a.m.

PAYS - Swine/Sheep Tagging

BEEF TAGGING

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter Market Beef in the 2011 MontanaFair must have their animal(s) ear tagged on **Saturday, February 5th**. **You may tag three animals. There will only be one site which is PAYS in Billings.**

Beef Tagging:

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Animal Quality Assurance Training:

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can't be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A are required to attend an MSU Extension Quality Assurance Training prior to fair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the MontanaFair. They must attend the 1½ hour training with a parent or guardian. A training session will be held on tagging day for those who can attend. You can also attend any of the other trainings that will be offered.

You need to bring your animals as early as possible. If you have another commitment that day, you need to ask your parents, a friend or neighbor to bring your animals. **It is your responsibility to get your animal(s) to PAYS. No animals will be tagged after this date.** If you have questions, call Shane Vandivort at 373-5473 or the Extension Office at 256-2828. Thank you for your cooperation.

HORSE HELMET WORKSHOPS

May 14 – Sat., 2:00 ~ 3:00 p.m. – MetraPark

June 15 – Wed., 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. – Courthouse Rm. 105

Montana State University Extension:

4-H Horse Helmet Policy

Participants (and a parent or guardian) in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video "Every Ride

Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether or not they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.

2011 MSU EQUINE CONFERENCE

This year's conference will take place Mar. 5th, 2011 at Bozeman's GranTree Inn & Convention Center. Equine Osteoarthritis Dr. C. Wayne McIlwraith opens the conference at 8:15 am. Participants can choose from over 10 breakout sessions. This year they are offering three breakout sessions specifically designed for youth, 4-H, and FFA participants! Registrations are available in the Extension office.

PURINA REP AT TRACTOR SUPPLY

Purina Feed representative, Cindy Martens, will be at the Tractor Supply Co. in Laurel on Fri., Feb. 11th from 10:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m. to answer questions about feed and feed quality.

At Tractor Supply Co. in Billings, Cindy will be holding an equine feed seminar on Sat., Feb. 12th from 6:00 ~ 8:00 pm. Seating is limited. Call Rich at 252-8626 to RSVP.

2011 MT STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

4-H members wanting to enter the 2011 Montana State Fair, July 29th ~ Aug. 6th, Montana Expo Park in Great Falls, MT, will need to call 406-727-8900 for entry information and forms for this show.

COWTOWN BEEF BREEDERS SHOW LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Where: Steadman's Ace Hardware, Miles City

When: Friday, Feb. 4th Registration 9:00 a.m.

Contest 10:00 a.m. Awards 3:00 p.m.

What: 6 classes of Beef and two reasons

Cost: \$7 per person

Divisions: Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H/FFA,

Adult (individual only)

Registration Deadline: Mail to Miles City by Jan. 28th

Registration forms are available in the Extension Office and on the 4-H county website.

DOG OBEDIENCE

The dog project will start up on Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Courthouse room 105. **DO NOT BRING DOGS TO THIS MEETING!** We will be going over basic rules for attending the class, how to select the proper equipment, safety concerns, etc. This meeting is mandatory for first year kids. If a child has been through the 4-H dog obedience classes before but is just bringing a new dog this year, they do not have to attend this first meeting but do have to pre-register. (sop6/21/39)

We ask that everyone pre-register for the obedience classes to cut down on the chaos on the first night with dogs. 4-H members already signed up for the project will receive a packet of information and forms from the Extension Office. If you are not already signed up, contact the Extension Office and request the information be sent to you. Pre-registration is required for all enrolled, not just first year dogs. The dog obedience project will meet every

Tuesday night from March through May.

LEARN ABOUT THE SWINE PROJECT

On Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, there will be a meeting at 6:00 pm in Courthouse Room 105 to learn more about the swine project. Everyone is invited whether you are currently in the swine project or not. We will talk about project goals, feed, healthcare, animal selection, etc. Questions: contact John Nelson @ 208-9556.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks – Fruit Sale information was given to members and we talked about a club scrapbook.

City Kids – We discussed club communication day and the swimming party we had. The club is reviewing their policy.

City Slickers – We did a candle fundraiser, distributed fruit sale information and talked about ringing the bell at the kettle.

Cool Clovers – Project and activity reports were given. The Foods Frenzy, Family Orientation Night, Make it and Take it and Legislative Breakfast were all discussed.

Huntley Eagles – We plan on going sledding when we get more snow. Fair and the jackpot show were discussed.

Laurel Roadrunners – We held or annual awards dinner with awards for the members and leaders. We also discussed the fruit sale.

Project Rockin' Wranglers - We talked about the bell ringing, camp counselors and beef tagging. Other workshops were discussed.

Ruff Riders – Members announced the upcoming project meetings. Club t-shirts and the club trip to the Reef were discussed. Pictures of each member are needed for the club directory.

Shepherd Pioneers – Leader and project reports were given the fruit sale information was passed out and demonstrations were discussed.

Town and Country – We had the Ambassadors serve us ice cream because of the food drive at Family Fun Night.

Worden Riverdale – The club planned a ski trip. We will make valentines for the Senior Center.

Yellowstone Mavericks – We went skating and had a pizza party. Fruit Sale information was handed out.



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